

**Amendments to the Claims**

1. (ORIGINAL) A method of manufacturing a transponder~~(1)~~, which transponder ~~(1)~~ is provided and designed for contactless communication with a communications station suitable therefor and which transponder ~~(1)~~ comprises a transponder IC ~~(2)~~ comprising two IC contacts ~~(7, 8)~~ and two substantially planar transmission elements ~~(3, 4)~~,

in which method the transponder IC ~~(2)~~ is brought into communication-capable connection, via each time one of its two IC contacts ~~(7, 8)~~ with one of two transmission element strips ~~(13, 14)~~ provided on a tape-like carrier ~~(11)~~ of an intermediate product ~~(12)~~ and extending substantially parallel to the longitudinal direction of the carrier and

in which the intermediate product ~~(12)~~ is then cut through along two cutting zones ~~(16)~~ extending perpendicularly to the longitudinal direction of the carrier and each lying at a distance from the transponder IC ~~(2)~~, and

in which the transponder IC ~~(2)~~ is connected to the portion of the intermediate product ~~(12)~~ lying between the cutting zones ~~(16)~~.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein each IC contact ~~(7, 8)~~ is connected in electrically conductive manner to the relevant transmission element strip ~~(13, 14)~~.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cutting through of the intermediate product ~~(12)~~ is performed along cutting zones ~~(16)~~ extending perpendicularly to the longitudinal direction of the carrier.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transponder IC ~~(2)~~ is connected to the portion of the intermediate product ~~(12)~~ by a glued joint ~~(6)~~.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a transponder IC ~~(2)~~ with a quadrilateral main surface is used, in which transponder IC ~~(2)~~ the IC contacts ~~(7, 8)~~ are provided in two corner areas of the main surface lying on

a diagonal (17) of the main surface and wherein the transponder IC (2) is connected to the portion of the intermediate product (12) in such a position that the diagonal (17) of the main surface extends perpendicularly to the longitudinal direction of the carrier.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A transponder (1) for contactless communication with a communications station suitable therefor, which transponder (1) comprises a transponder IC (2) comprising two IC contacts (7, 8) and two substantially planar transmission elements (3, 4).

wherein the transponder (1) was manufactured using a method as claimed in ~~one of the claims 1 to 5~~ Claim 1.